



# FERC Preliminary Permit Process



# Preliminary Permits



- Provides permittee priority to be first to file a developmental application
- Prevents others from filing developmental applications
- Does not authorize ground-disturbing activities
- Valid for a period of three years





# Preliminary Permits

- Who may apply?
  - Citizens or associations of citizens of the U.S.A.
  - Domestic Corporations
  - Municipalities





# Preliminary Permit Application Contents

- **Initial Statement**
- **Exhibit 1 - Project Descriptions**
- **Exhibit 2 - Work to done under permit**
- **Exhibit 3 – Project location and boundary maps**





# Application Review

- Completeness
- Competing Applications
- Previous Permits
- Additional Information Needs
- Public Notice
- Review of public comments
- Permit Issuance or Denial

# Tidal Energy Projects

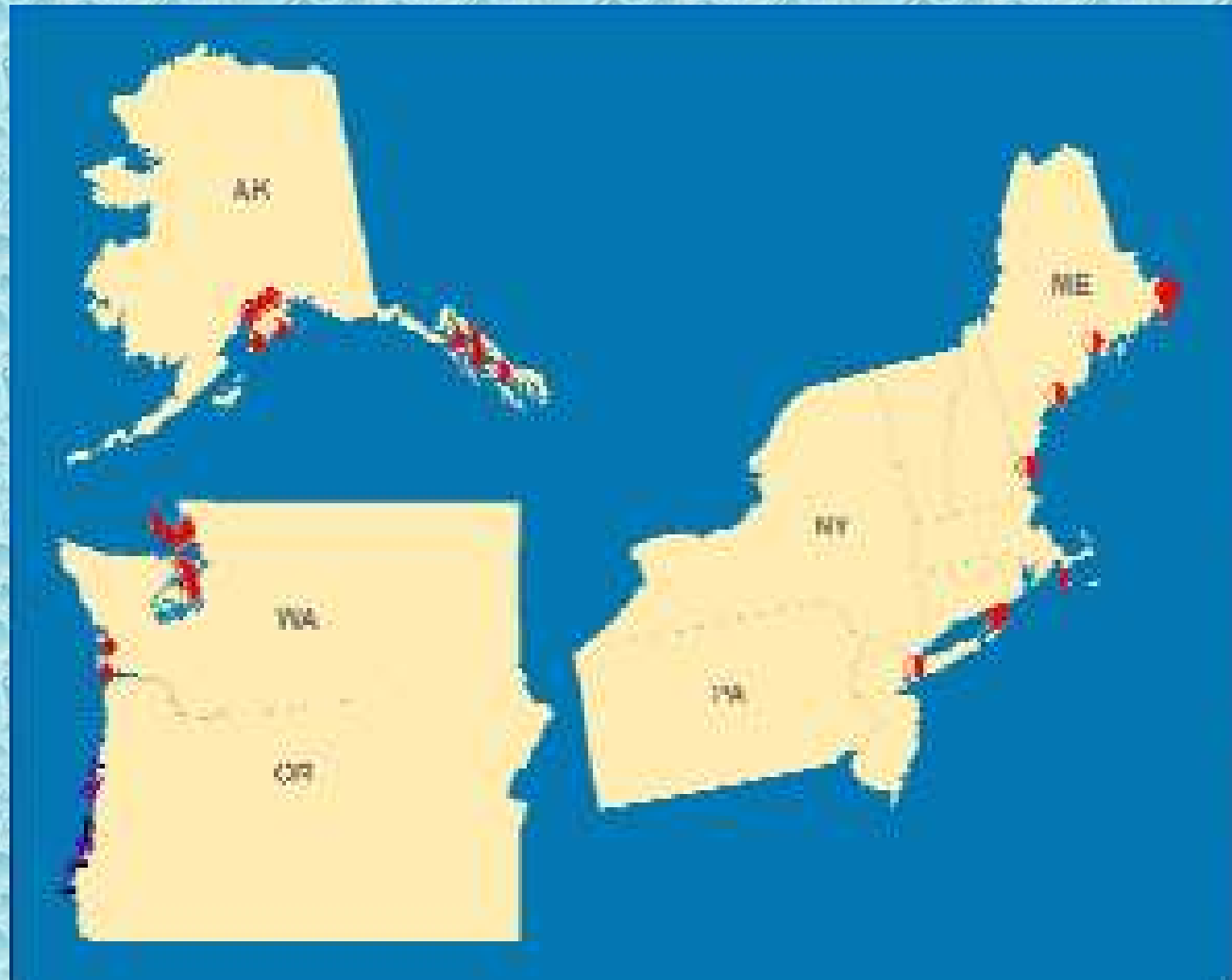
- 12 preliminary permits issued





# Tidal Energy Projects

- 43 Preliminary Permits Pending





# Notice of Inquiry

- Issued February 15, 2007
- Identifies 3 options regarding preliminary permits for tidal/ocean energy projects
- Interim policy statement





# Notice of Inquiry Options

- Maintain current permitting policy
- Apply stricter scrutiny on permit activities and contents
- Do not issue permits for new technologies





# Interim Policy

- Limits project boundary size
- Ensures permittees are actively pursuing project development and progressing toward filing a development application